County of Los Angeles Land Use Survey Maps: Finding Aid

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Descriptive Summary

Title: County of Los Angeles Land Use Survey Maps

Dates (inclusive): 1936-1939

Collection Number: LACoPRC Maps

Creator: Los Angeles County (Calif.). Regional Planning Commission.

Extent: 16 volumes

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Language: English.

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Provenance
Gift of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors in 1983.

Historical Note
The Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission was formed in 1922 to advise the Board of Supervisors on all planning issues. In January 1936, the Federal Work Projects Administration, under the sponsorship of the Regional Planning Commission, began conducting a survey of natural land types and existing land cover and use in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, to facilitate the creation of a Master Plan of Land Use, as required by the 1937 California Planning Act. The survey was completed in July 1940 and culminated in volumes of colored maps, charts, and tables, and land use reports and recommendations.

References
Los Angeles County (Calif.). Regional Planning Commission. Master Plan of Land Use Inventory: and Classification (Los Angeles, 1941).

Scope and Content
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Regions were grouped according to United States Census Tracts, and the maps survey the cities and tracts included in the statistical areas of Alhambra, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Compton, El Monte, Glendale/La Canada, Inglewood, Long Beach, North (Covina area), Puente Hills, Pomona, the San Gabriel Valley, Santa Monica, Southeast/Norwalk, Torrance/San Pedro, Vernon, and Whittier. The maps are colored to reflect different classifications of land uses including open land, farming, residence, commerce, industry, utility, institution, and recreation.

Alternative Form of Materials Available
Visit the Huntington Digital Library to view digitized items from this collection.
• Land use survey, county of Los Angeles : classification of land uses. A report on W.P.A. project L9785; official project no. 665-07-3-65 (Call number: 499020)
• Master plan of land use : inventory and classification / County of Los Angeles, Regional planning district (Call number: 499023)
• Calvin S. Hamilton Papers (Call number: 605981)
• Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission. Los Angeles County Land Use Maps on Slides (Call number: LACoPRC)
• Southern California Regional Planning Collection (Call number: 605982)

**Arrangement**
The atlases are arranged numerically according to the book numbers written on the volume covers.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

**Subjects**
Land use -- California -- Los Angeles County -- Maps.
Regional planning -- California -- Los Angeles County -- Maps.
Zoning -- California -- Los Angeles County -- Maps.
Alhambra (Calif.) -- Maps.
Beverly Hills (Calif.) -- Maps.
Burbank (Los Angeles County, Calif.) -- Maps.
Compton (Calif.) -- Maps.
El Monte (Calif.) -- Maps.
Glendale (Calif.) -- Maps.
Inglewood (Calif.) -- Maps.
La Cañada (Calif.) -- Maps.
La Puente (Calif.) -- Maps.
Long Beach (Calif.) -- Maps.
Los Angeles County (Calif.) -- Maps.
Norwalk (Calif.) -- Maps.
Pomona (Calif.) -- Maps.
San Gabriel (Calif.) -- Maps.
San Pedro (Los Angeles, Calif.) -- Maps.
Santa Monica (Calif.) -- Maps.
Torrance (Calif.) -- Maps.
Vernon (Calif.) -- Maps.
Whittier (Calif.) -- Maps.

**Forms/Genres**
Maps.

**Added Authors**
Los Angeles County (Calif.). Board of Supervisors, donor.
United States. Work Projects Administration.

**Atlases**

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A volume of land use maps focused on the area around Covina, West Covina, Azusa, and Glendora. There are two inserts, a key, and forty-two leaves of maps. |
| 03      | Pomona, 1936  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around Pomona, Claremont, and La Verne. There are four inserts, a key, and twenty-four leaves of maps. |
| 04      | Southeast / Norwalk, 1936  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around Artesia, Norwalk, and Santa Fe Springs. There are two inserts, a key, and twenty-six leaves of maps. |
| 05      | Compton, 1936  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around Compton and Watts. There are two inserts, a key, and thirty-six leaves of maps. |
| 06      | El Monte, 1936  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around El Monte and Arcadia. There are two inserts, a key, and thirty-seven leaves of maps. |
| 07      | Vernon, 1936-1937  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around Vernon, Southgate, Huntington Park, Bell, Montebello, and Maywood. There are two inserts, a key, and thirty-two leaves of maps. |
| 08      | Inglewood, 1936-1937  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Gardena, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. There are two inserts, a key, and thirty-nine leaves of maps. |
| 09      | Torrance / San Pedro, 1936-1937, 1939  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around San Pedro (Los Angeles), Wilmington, Harbor City, the Palos Verdes Peninsula, Torrance, and Redondo Beach. There are two inserts, a key, and fifty-six leaves of maps. |
| 10      | Long Beach, 1936-1937  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around Long Beach and Signal Hill. There are two inserts, a key, and thirty-eight leaves of maps. |
| 11      | Puente Hills area, 1936-1937  
A volume of land use maps focused on the Puente Hills area. There are two inserts, a key, and thirty-six leaves of maps. |
**Volume 12  
**Santa Monica, 1937-1939  
A volume of land use maps focused on the area around Santa Monica. There are two inserts, a key, and thirty-six leaves of maps.

**Volume 13  
**Beverly Hills, 1937; 1939  
A volume of land use maps focused on the areas around Beverly Hills, Culver City, Inglewood, and a large part of the city of Los Angeles, including Hollywood, La Brea, Los Felis (or Feliz), central and south central Los Angeles, and part of downtown. There are five inserts, a key, and thirty-six leaves of maps.

**Volume 14  
**Alhambra, 1936-1937  
A volume of land use maps focused on the areas around Alhambra, Monterey Park, South Pasadena, San Marino, Pasadena, Glendale, and several neighborhoods in the city of Los Angeles. There are five inserts, a key, and twenty-one leaves of maps.

**Volume 17  
**San Gabriel Valley, 1936-1939  
Bound into the front of volume 18. Title supplied by cataloger.

**Volume 18  
**Glendale / La Cañada area, 1939  
11 sheets from volume 17 bound between cover and sheet 01. A volume of land use maps focused on the areas around Glendale, La Cañada Flintridge, Altadena, and Pasadena. There are thirty leaves of maps.

**Volume 19  
**Burbank, 1939  
A volume of land use maps focused on the areas around Burbank, Los Angeles, North Hollywood, and Glendale. There are twenty leaves of maps.